

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC 101

The Office rejected claims 1-12 as claiming non-statutory subject matter. The Applicant disagrees, but in the interest of moving the matter forward, and since it doesn't affect the scope of the claims anyway, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to move the recitation of "hardware and software" to the body of the claim, and to further recite "whereby the packets are transmitted in a manner that increases security of the transmission."

35 USC 112

The Office rejected claims 1-12 as reciting a system that lacks any structure. The Applicant disagrees, but in the interest of moving the matter forward has amended Claim 1 to recite hardware and software in the body of the claim.

35 USC §§ 102 and 103

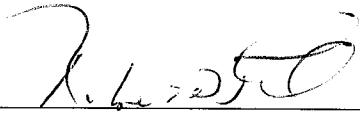
The Office rejected Claims 1-10, 13, and 14 as being anticipated by Bellovin (US 2001/0034844), and Claims 11 and 12 as being obvious over Bellovin. The Office apparently reads the term "a set of ordered packets" to include subject matter that is not limited to a single stream. The Applicant clarifies that distinction herein by including in each of the independent claims an express limitation of "a single stream". With that clarification all of the claims should be allowable. Of course, the dependent claims are amended by virtue of their dependency.

Request For Allowance

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims. The amendments herein are merely technical, and in the nature of clarifications. In the event the Office does not deem these amendments to place the case in condition for allowance, the Applicant requests that the Office enter these amendments into the record for purposes of appeal.

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